

ORE MONTHLY REPORT

June 1949

I. Intelligence ProductionA. Basic Intelligence

The end of Fiscal Year 1949 found less than two-thirds of scheduled NIS production received and retained in the Basic Intelligence Group. It is expected that the delinquent contributions will be received early in Fiscal Year 1950. The effect of this carry-over can not be accurately predicted at present. However, if the contributing agencies early and effectively realign and augment their production capabilities, no serious damage to the program should ensue.

New contributions received during June showed considerable qualitative improvement over contributions heretofore received.

B. Staff Intelligence Production

During June seventeen staff intelligence reports were published. Seven were at the request of outside agencies and organizations and ten were originated by internal ORE suggestion.

The statistical analysis of ORE Staff Intelligence Production below reveals that the outflow of finished material has remained very stable over the last twelve-month period. The production volume of ORE in this field, as illustrated, provides a gauge to assess productive capacity of ORE under normal conditions and in light of required coordination processes. However, the data below gives no evaluation of the report quality and consumer satisfaction during the two periods.

Comparison Staff Intelligence Production

	Published Reports	Intelligence Memos	Monthly average Reports & IM's	
July thru December '48	50	71	8.3	11.8
January thru June '49	48	76	8	12.6

Recapitulation of Staff Intelligence Production

1 January through June 1949

Reports completed (SR, ORE, CIA, etc.)	48
Intelligence Memoranda	76
Total Since 1 January 1949	124

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Recapitulation by Type Since 1 January 1949

ORE Series	32
SR Series	3
M Series	2
CIA Series	7
MR Series	4
Intelligence Memoranda	76
TOTAL	124

Recapitulation by Source Since 1 January 1949External Request

	NSC and White House	15
	NSRB	3
	Secretary of Defense	4
	JCS	18
	ECA	6
	Munitions Board	1
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	SANACC	0
	IAC (including Departments)	11
	DCI	8
	TOTAL	67

Internal Suggestion

TOTAL	57
TOTAL	124

C. Map Intelligence

During June the Map Branch submitted the last of three fully coordinated NIS Chapters IX in fulfillment of its finished intelligence commitments to the NIS program for fiscal year 1949. It also completed the compilation and drafting of 25 new maps of which 8 were for this program. An increasing number of requests will be received for the construction of maps required for final NIS publication. Other finished intelligence, such as MR Bulletins and technical studies, is being undertaken concurrently.

There was a steady increase during June in the number and complexity of requests received for reference maps and map information. June proved to be an extremely productive month in regard to the receipt of map materials from foreign countries. More than 9,500 maps were received from 18 European countries as well as from several other areas, including large quantities from France, Canada, Iran and Great Britain.

II. Adequacy of Intelligence and Intelligence Information

A. The Management Branch, A&M, has obtained material from ORE to graphically present the collection situation in Western Europe. In addition to this, comments of unsatisfactory reporting from [REDACTED] are being prepared for the DCI. During June 25X1X4 [REDACTED] Western Europe Branch has prepared complete requirements guides for [REDACTED] Soviet Zone of Germany, [REDACTED]. These guides have been sent to to appropriate collection agencies. Meanwhile, they are being reviewed by other ORE components in order to determine if this type of requirements index can be utilized throughout ORE.

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B. The thoroughly inadequate status of information from the Far East continues during June. To add to the difficulties in this area, SO and State have recently turned down requests on IndoChina on grounds of inability to get information.

C. Due to excellent cooperation from the Liaison Branch, OCD, difficulties with ECA regarding CIA intelligence information needs have been remedied.

D. Reporting is notably weak in several portions of the NE/A area. In Iran too few sources are tapped to produce an accurate picture of public opinion on political matters. Reporting of Soviet activities continues to be inadequate, basic intelligence coverage is sketchy, and reporting from the provinces is still wholly inadequate despite some improvement in the reporting of the U.S. Consulate at Tabriz.

III. Efforts to Facilitate Intelligence Production

A. The disparity in time allowed for writing of rush staff intelligence production and the time involved in subsequent mechanical handling was exemplified in production of ORE 45-49. This was received by ORE as a rush project to be completed in two weeks. The initial draft was circulated within two working days from the time the project was assigned and the working level coordination was handled on an urgent basis with opposite numbers. There was then about a two weeks delay in reproduction and formal coordination. It will greatly assist inter-agency working level relations if in every case matters of urgency are handled with equal dispatch at all levels and in all phases of production.